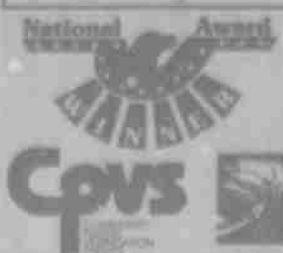


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Volunteer Center of Lubbock

The deadline for nominations for the third annual, community-wide Get Involved Awards is Oct. 1. Sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, the awards will be presented at the Cornucopia Luncheon at the McInturff Conference Center on November 19.

The awards recognize individuals and businesses that have demonstrated a commitment to volunteer involvement in the community. Categories for nominations include volunteer coordinator, young adult (under 35), individual community service, and lifetime community leadership.

"We have wonderful volunteers in our community who make a difference in all of our lives through the many people and activities they support," Louise Cummins, executive director of the Volunteer Center said. "Nominating someone for an award is a wonderful way to say thank you."

For a nomination form, please call the Volunteer Center at 747-0551.

Auto Expo Will Discuss Marketing to Minorities

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) has partnered with the African American On Wheels (AAOW) magazine to conduct special workshops on marketing to minorities during the 1999 SEMA Show in November 2-5 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"We have to find a way to attract more minority business people to our industry, and we are excited about working with AAOW to reach a broader audience," said Charles R. Blum, SEMA president.

AAOW Editor and Publisher Randi Payton will moderate two of the 70 seminars planned for the convention: "Marketing to Minorities" on November 3rd and "Exploring Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Minorities in the Aftermarket" on November 4th. For information on the SEMA Show, call (909) 396-0289.

Wealth Building Guide Book

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Alleged Drug Dealers Still Popping Up!

With the arrest of sixty more alleged drug dealers on Friday, July 30, 1999, it reminds all of us that there are those who are hurting our young people with drugs and other evil ills. As we have made known if they continue to be arrested, we will continue to print the photos of those alleged persons from all areas, regardless of race or color.

Those arrested in latest Narcotics Round-Up were alleged dealing with the following substances: Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana, Amphetamine, and Heroin.

These photos were made available by Lubbock County Sheriff David Gutierrez. His office is very cooperative when requesting his assistance.

Here they are! How many can you identify?

Christina M. Avila, Delivery of C.S., .63 grams of coke; Johnny L. Barnes, Jr., P.C.S. w/intent, 1-4 grams, DFZ; Sherry D. Bennett, 2 cases, Delivery C.S. 1-4 grams, meth and Delivery C.S. 1-4 grams meth; David G. Boyd, Delivery C.S. 1-4 grams, coke; Kayra L. Brown, P.C.S. w/intent 1-4 grams, DFZ, coke; Alfonso Chapa, Delivery Marijuana, 1/4 oz. - 5 lob; Eric L. Chapa, Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, DFZ, coke; Daniel Chavez, P.C.S., w/intent, 1-4 grams coke; Robert L. Chavez, 2 cases, P.C.S. w/intent, 4-200 grams, DFZ, coke, P.C.S. w/intent, 4-200 grams, meth; Steve L. Covarrubio, Jr., P.C.S. w/intent, 1-4 grams, coke; Benito S. Cruz, Delivery C.S., 1-4 g.ams, coke; Carl D. Dawson, Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, DFZ, amph; Adam Delgado, P.C.S. w/intent, 4-200 grams, DFZ, coke; Ernest Delgado, P.C.S. w/intent, 4-200 grams, coke; Sandra Delgado, P.C.S. w/intent, 4-200 grams, DFZ, coke; Karen Pollis, Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, meth.

Also, Susan J. Franklin, Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, DFZ, coke; Gaylon G. Gafford, Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, meth; Pedro J. Gaitan, 3 cases, 2 cases Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, coke and Delivery C.S. 4-200 grams, DFZ, coke; Jesus T. Garcia, Delivery C.S., 1-4 grams, DFZ, coke; Arthur Garner, P.C.S. w/intent, .93 grams, coke; Omar Gomez, Jr., P.C.S. w/intent, 4-200 grams, coke; and Michael D. Griffin, 2 cases, P.C.S. w/intent, less than one gram each of coke.



FORMER LUBBOCKITE CONGRATULATED BY GOV. BUSH

If you would ask Carolyn Rollison, she would perhaps tell you it is important to do your very best in life, because you really don't know who's watching what you do.

Rollison, a social worker for the Harris County Community Development Department Assistance Division, was just doing her professional work when she was acknowledged by one of her clients. What makes it so outstanding, the client, Mrs. A. Fitzgerald of Houston, Texas, took time to express her concern in a hand written 2-page letter to Governor George W. Bush, who in turn congratulated Ms. Rollison.

A former graduate of Donbar High School, Ms. Rollison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rollison of Lubbock, Texas.

The letter, in part, to Governor Bush stated: "I had to write to you about this wonderful lady. It's a blessing she is there." Continuing, "All seniors need to have a Carolyn Rollison in their lives at some time another. She assured me that she completely understood how I felt. She assured me that I was very useful to society and more over, a wonderful candidate for employment."

"Could you (Gov. Bush) please let Ms. Rollison know I wrote to you about her. I am so happy I met her. I have been keeping up with you (Gov. Bush) on the news. You are doing well. You are going to be like your dad," she concluded.

In Governor Bush's reply, he said: "I am always pleased to hear about fellow Texans who go above and beyond the call of duty."



Gov. Bush



Rollison

Lubbock Area Law Enforcement Announces Operation "Fake-Out"

(LUBBOCK)--An unprecedented campaign involving eight enforcement agencies within Lubbock County will soon be targeting the use of fake identification cards by minors in Lubbock. State Representative Delwin Jones unveiled details of this concerted effort at a press conference at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 9, 1999 in the Lubbock Independent School District's Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, Room 101, at 3201 Avenue Q.

In making this announcement, Representative Jones noted that undercover officers from the various agencies will be targeting area establishments and work with the licensed premises in

detecting persons under 21 who present a fake, altered or counterfeit I.D. for the purpose of buying alcoholic beverages. "It's estimated that as many as 60% of young people who frequent nightclubs are in possession of a fake I.D. We can no longer accept, tolerate or condone these activities. Persons caught with a fake I.D. will be arrested and taken to jail where they will be questioned by officials with the U.S. Secret Service, the Texas Department of Public Safety, TABC and other agencies. The goal is to find the source of these documents," says Jones.

"If you have a fake I.D. and have been using it to buy alcoholic beverages, now is the time to discard it," says

Representative Jones. Working with licensed premises, high schools, colleges/universities, community groups, local government agencies and other interested parties, the law enforcement agencies are determined to address the extent of the problem in the Lubbock area. "We would consider the operation a complete success if we discovered no violations and arrested no one," says TABC Lieutenant Hank Blanchard. "Our experience has shown that young people are going to try to buy alcoholic beverages, because they feel a need to be accepted by some of their peers, and many consider it a rite of passage," adds Blanchard.

Ruby Jay's Corner



The New Hope Baptist Church, 2002 Birch Avenue, is the "Church Where The People Really Care," and the Rev. Billy R. Moton is the proud pastor. If you are looking for a church home, then come and visit New Hope Baptist Church, you'll be glad you did so. Come this Sunday!

Services began last Sunday morning with Sunday School, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Virgil Johnson presiding. For 30 minutes, all classes and students were involved in learning. At 10:15 a.m., all marched back to the main auditorium singing "At The Cross." Prayer was given by sister Dailey.

Secretary's Report: Youth Department: Juniors received the Offering and the Senior Class received the Attendance Banner. Adult Department: Adult Class No. 1 received the Attendance Banner. Adult Class No. 4 received the Offering Banner.

The morning worship hour was wonderful last Sunday morning. There were several visitors. What a time we had.

It all began with the Senior Choir marching the processional singing out of their hearts and souls. Guest preacher for the morning was Rev. Theah McClendon of San Angelo, Texas. Her husband is Rev. J. McClendon, moderator of the West Texas District. She preached out of her heart.

With the theme, "Men & Women United in Mind, Thought, and Purpose", 1 Corinthians 1:10, the Annual Men and Women's Day program was held last Sunday afternoon. Guest minister was Rev. Elliott C. Lambert, pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. He preached out of his soul. Members of the Bethel Choir was present and did a wonderful job.

It was a most informative afternoon of services as members who have been members of New Hope for 50 years or more were honored with a certificate. It's just a blessing to have people who hang in there for the Lord.

Let us not forget our sick and shut of the community as well as those who have lost loved ones. There were several families who have our prayers for the loved ones who passed here.

Among them are Sister Lucille Blaylock who lost a son, Jimmy Frank Blaylock, who was funeralized at New Hope on Wednesday morning, September 11, 1999, with Pastor Moton officiating.

Also, Ms. Channie "Aunt" Kyle who was funeralized also at New Hope Baptist Church, last Friday afternoon, September 17, 1999.

Word comes to Lubbock last Sunday afternoon, the wife of former pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Rev. A. L. Dunn, Ms. Margie Dunn, was very sick in Arizona. Let us continue to pray for her.

Mrs. Mabel Biggers received word that her son is very sick in Dallas, Texas at this report. Let us pray for her son.

16th Annual LISD BAND EXTRAVAGANZA!

"Gonna Take a Sentimental Journey"

Tuesday, September 23, 1999
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...Skip Watson and Brian Morris (LISD Public Information Office), with the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Larry Hess (Monterey).

...LISD's high school marching bands and its junior high bands.

...That "Goin' Band from Raiderland," directed by Keith Bearden.

...LISD's selected sixth graders (Choreographer, Carol By, Whiteside Elementary) assisting the 1500-member LISD Massed Band. The evening's guest director will be Dr. Bruce Keeling, Professor of Music, South Plains College, with the finale arranger, Gabe Musella (Director, Evans Band).

"We're ready to play it your way! Will you join us?"

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Smith Joins Army

Tony C. Smith has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, McKinney, Texas.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Smith will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on September 22, 1999.

He is the son of Carol Y. Arredondo of 13408-C County Road 1800, and stepson of Milton Arredondo of 2010 15th St., both of Lubbock, Texas.

Trattles To Complete Basic Training

Army Pvt. Patrick L. Trattles has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and first aid.

Trattles is the son of Penny L. Rushing of 3336 State Road 41, Lubbock, Texas.

He is a 1999 graduate of Lubbock Cooper High School, Lubbock.

Army Pvt. Jasone D. Pearson has arrived for duty in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Pearson is a truck driver assigned to the 39th Transportation Company.

He is the son of Lillie M. and Elroy Parks of 5711 87th St., Lubbock, Texas.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Estacado High School, Lubbock.



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Councilman Patterson & AKA's Volunteering In The Community

T.J. Patterson, Lubbock City Councilman, Dorothy Stovall, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. soror Sonia Crawford, volunteer calligrapher for the past six years; and Nettie Edwards, Alpha Kappa Alpha soror Eta Delta Omega Chapter reporter, took a short break Sunday evening, September 5, 1999, to pose for the picture shown above.

Councilman Patterson "kicked off" this worthwhile event by offering a prayer, congratulations and encouragement.

Soror Edwards and Soror Stovall volunteered by registering all participating individuals and businesses.

Crawford volunteered her talent for calligraphy, taught by Soror Joan Jones, by printing in calligraphy all the names of individuals and businesses earning, through financial contributions, the special title of "Star".

Members of Zeta Tau and other AKA sorors continued this annual telethon effort throughout the Labor Day weekend. It was telecasted by KLBK-TV, Channel 13, and produced at Lubbock Plaza Holiday Inn.



Committee Hears Producer Group Views on Farm Crisis

Washington, D.C. - At the first of two hearings addressing the crisis facing America's farmers and ranchers, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX), brought representatives from major commodity and producer associations together to review difficulties facing their constituents and hear their suggestions on how Congress can help alleviate the current crisis.

"We have heard a lot of discussion lately on what should be done to help America's farmers and ranchers. In order for this Committee and Congress to provide assistance that really does what it needs to, we must fully understand the scope of the problem facing producers and what measures can best provide a solution. In addition, we need to know the best way to deliver any assistance to the people who need it most," Combest said of today's hearing.

The economic crisis in farm country has reached emergency proportions and the Committee must respond to the immediate needs of U.S. producers in a timely, cost-effective and targeted manner," said Ranking Member Charlie Stenholm (D-TX). "It is also time to revisit U.S. agriculture policy so that our producers won't have to wait on Congress to react each and every time problems arise as a result of weather or price."

American farmers and ranchers are in the second year of the worst farm crisis in recent memory. Throughout the course of this year, the Committee has sought to be an open forum and active advocate on behalf of America's farmers and ranchers. While it has held a number of hearings and passed several pieces of legislation of great importance to the future of agriculture, Combest today said that standing alone, these measures are not enough.

"Recently, we reported out a bill to strengthen crop insurance and provide better risk management tools for farmers and ranchers," Combest said. "However, all these things are meaningless unless we do something now to help get farmers into the next year, and that is why we are here today."

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman will testify before the Committee tomorrow. At today's hearing, Combest expressed his hope that the Secretary would take this opportunity to present a concrete proposal from the Administration which has been conspicuously absent from the farm crisis discussion.

"I hope to learn tomorrow why it's been more than 5 months since we first began discussing this matter and we still haven't seen any kind of proposal from the Administration to provide much needed assistance to farmers and ranchers," Combest said.

Entertainers Scheduled To Perform During Upcoming Fair

LUBBOCK (Special) - In an effort to secure the best possible carnival for the annual Panhandle South Plains Fair, Steve L. Lewis announced today that Reed Expositions of Houston, TX will serve as carnival provider for the 82nd fair, set for Sept. 25 - Oct. 2.

"We are in the process of upgrading the fair and feel Reed Expositions offers us more of what we want to bring South Plains residents," reported Lewis. "We hope this will be a long term relationship with advantages for both of us. Reed's come to us with an excellent reputation for providing high-quality, family entertainment."

Reed Expositions will provide many rides, including

spectaculars, which have never before been seen on the South Plains. Spectaculars are the most modern, largest and most costly rides offered on the carnival circuit. Lewis reports that one ride alone which Reed's will be bringing to the fair requires four semi-trailer trucks to carry. Another ride, the Double Shock, is one of only two in the United States and is imported from Italy. The Reed's newest ride, Top Spin, is one of only five in the U.S.

In addition to rides, Reed Expositions is bringing in 1 1/2 semi-truck loads of amenities including misting stations, shrubs, trees, greenery and benches. These will be used in and around rest areas dotted along the carnival midway. Reed's will offer 61 rides at the

fair; 21 kiddie rides, 21 major rides and 19 "spectaculars". Games and some food concessions will also be offered.

The canned food drive is slated for Thursday, Sept. 30 from 12 noon until 10 p.m. When carnival goes down the fairgrounds, they get one \$18 carnival ride coupon booklet free when they purchase an \$18 booklet at ticket booths located on the carnival midway. The 2-for-1 offer is only good on Thursday, but coupons purchased that day will be honored throughout the remainder of the fair. Lewis reminded everyone that gate admission fees will be charged after 1 p.m. Thursday.

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OBITUARIES



Sallie Sneed

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Sallie Mae Sneed on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at Green Lawn Church of Christ with Dale Mannon officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She died Saturday, September 11, 1999 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Born February 3, 1904 in Grosebeck, Texas, she married George Sneed on December 28, 1946, in Lubbock County. He died in 1972. She moved from Grosebeck in 1946, to Lubbock, Texas where she graduated from high school and was a seamstress.

She was a member of the Birch Street Church of Christ, and later united with Green Lawn Church of Christ. She was a member of the Community Development Advisory Committee in Lubbock.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.



Ms. Channie "Aunt" Kyle

Final rites were read for Ms. Channie "Aunt" Kyle last Friday, September 17, 1999, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Morton, pastor, officiating.

Interment was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the directions of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were members of the New Hope Baptist Church Deacon. Flower bearers were members of the Ola Scott Missionary Circle.

The third child of nine children to the parents of Thomas and Lettie Skinner-Kyle in Kyle, Texas, Miss Channie Kyle was born April 12, 1906.

Miss Kyle's formal education was done in San Marcos, Texas.

She gave her life to Christ at a very early age and later moved to Ballinger, Texas and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church under the pastorate of the Rev. S.C. Nash. Miss Kyle remained a very faithful member of New Hope where she served as a member of the Ola Scott Circle Women Missionary Society. A member of the Women's Sunday School Class No. 4, under the leadership of Rev. Billy R. Morton, until her health began to fail and prevented her regular attendance as she desired.

She leaves to mourn her passing: three nieces: Annie E. Taylor of Lubbock, Texas, Mary H. Young of Odessa, Texas and Elva Maurine Viser of San Francisco, California; two sisters, Laura Young of Odessa, and Annie Lee Christopher of San Francisco. Great nieces and nephews, a host of other relatives, her church family and many friends.



Jimmy Blaylock

Final rites were held for Jimmy Frank Blaylock last Wednesday morning, September 15, 1999 at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Billy R. Morton, pastor officiating.

Burial was held in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home.

Blaylock died in his home Saturday, September 11, 1999.

Born June 2, 1938 in Lone Oak, Texas, he moved to Lubbock, Texas with his family at the age of 4, and did attend the Lubbock Public Schools. He served a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy.

He married JoAnn Thompson. He later moved to Houston, Texas where he worked as a foreman in a chemical plant.

In Houston, he married his second wife, Doris Ross. He returned to Lubbock in 1992 and lived here until his death.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Lucille Blaylock of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Melonessia Blaylock-Massie of Houston, Texas; two brothers, Hanie Blaylock of Lubbock, Texas and Marvin Blaylock of Abilene, Texas; a sister, Jana Blaylock-Henderson of Odessa, Texas; and one grandchild.

Farmer-Stockman Show: Oct. 12-14

The seventh annual Farmer-Stockman Show is scheduled for October 12-14 in Lubbock, Texas. The largest outdoor working farm and ranch show in the south-western United States, boasts 800 acres of show site with crops for field demonstrations. The busy three-day schedule will include a variety of activities for the entire family. For producers, field demonstrations exhibit modern machinery in harvesting, tillage, and hay handling. Livestock demonstrations include live cattle handling demonstrations, horse training sessions, cutting horse demonstrations, and current topic seminars. The Wildlife Tent will address issues relating to wildlife agriculture and, the popular Family Living area has expanded programs on food preparation, heart-healthy lifestyles, diabetes care, quilting and fashion shows, as well as square dancing and music performances. Crafters are available for a unique shopping opportunity. The Farmer-Stockman Show is 1.5 miles east of Loop 289 on East 50th Street (Fm835). Show hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, October 12, 13, and 14th. Call the show office for more details (806) 747-7134.

Posey Elementary School Parent "Celebration" (First Ever!)

Where? Community Baptist Church, 220 Martin Luther King Blvd.

When? Tuesday, September 28, 1999 (7:00 p.m.)

Purpose? To celebrate the good things "going on" at Posey!

To get acquainted with the principal, teachers staff and parents in a way that is fun, and in a different setting!

Bring your smiles, hugs, questions and valuable suggestions! We welcome you and your input as we work together to ensure the best education possible for our children!

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THIS N THAT

FIFTY YEARS PLUS CLUB AT NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH! THIS N THAT...WANTED YOU to know about those Lubbock citizens...who have been working in their church afternoon at New Hope Baptist Church...twenty members were recognized for their untiring work over the years...Here are the names of those citizens...who did not give up...but hung in there for their church...ODESSA LONG...1929...70 years...LOTTIE BARROW...1934...65 years...JOHNNIE C. ROBINSON...1939...60 years...ODELL WILLIAMS...1939...60 years...JOAN C. JONES...1939...60 years...JESSIE EVANS...1939...60 years...JOAN Y. ERVIN...1939...60 years...ROBERTA ALLEN...1942...57 years...R.J. GIVENS...1942...57 years...DOROTHY DIAMOND...1943...56 years...VIRGIL JOHNSON...1943...56 years...CURTIS GIPSON...1943...56 years...LUCILLE K. JACKSON...1943...54 years...WINNIE L. KNIGHTON...1945...54 years...HATTIE GIPSON...1946...53 years...FANNIE PRICE...1947...52 years...HARDIN BARROW...1947...52 years...RUBY JAY...1949...50 years...and...ANNA McBRIDE...1949...50 years...When you see...THESE PEOPLE...let them know you appreciate the honor they received from their church.

BLACK FRATERNITIES GETTING BLACK EYE! THIS N THAT...who is a member of a fraternal organization...must warn that if the GREEK LETTER ORGANIZATIONS...of the Black fraternities...who have a...RICH HISTORY OF SERVICE...Don't quit their tactics...they will continue to lose...GOOD STUDENTS...who refuse to allow themselves to be abused...and they are even making it very difficult to find faculty members who are willing to be advisors...to...BLACK FRATERNITIES...AND...SORORITIES...A study reveals that...RECENT INCIDENTS...of...VIOLENT HAZING...are tarnishing that legacy...

WHY NOT TRY OUT BAR-B-QUE EXPRESS! THIS N THAT...learned from...TOMMY JOE CAGE...who runs the business of...BAR-B-QUE EXPRESS...EAST 19th & AVENUE A...that he has the best...BAR-B-QUE...in Lubbock...He tells us to go by and see what he has going on...It's the little red building...with the delicious bar-b-que smell...go by and give...BROTHER CAGE...a look and...yes...PURCHASE SOME OF HIS GOODS...He tells...THIS N THAT...he is open from ...11:00 AM...until...Better get there early...that is...if you want some delicious food...

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PATTERSON WILL BE HONORED IN AUSTIN...THIS N THAT...is happy to report that ...T.J. Patterson will be honored in the 15th Annual John Ben Shepperd Award, Saturday, September 25, 1999 at the State Capitol Building...in Austin, Texas...Congrats for such an award.

DEAR EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

The people of Lubbock have done it again! They really pulled for us this year and helped make the 1999 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon a winner with \$53.1 million in pledges and contributions!

By taking part in local MDA events, by calling in pledges to the Telethon broadcast on KLBK-TV, Channel 13, by helping "mykids" in other ways, *Southwest Digest* readers have made a huge difference for families throughout Texas and across the nation.

They've helped speed MDA-funded

research around the globe. Moreover, they've helped maintain the national network of clinics that resulted in MDA becoming the first organization honored by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity." In Texas MDA has 18 clinics offering the best in patient care.

For making the 1999 MDA Telethon a bell-ringer, thanks, Lubbock!

Sincerely,
Jerry Lewis
National Chairman
Muscular Dystrophy Association

R&B Stars Plan To Sing To Help The Hungry

(NAPS) - A little soul music is expected to make a big difference in the lives of hungry people across the country.

A percentage of the proceeds from a concert tour showcasing hot rising rhythm and blues stars will go toward an organization that helps the hungry.

The tour, called the *Seagram's Gin Gin Jam '99*, will be launched with a concert and simultaneous webcast on Sept. 22 at Universal Studios' CityWalk in Orlando, Florida.



The month-long tour will travel to cities across the Southeast, including Memphis, New Orleans, and Atlanta. The tour will then travel through the Midwest and the East Coast, making its way to major markets including Houston, Detroit, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia.

Leading R&B performers on the tour include Chante Moore (MCA), Jesse Powell (MCA) and Calvin Richardson (Universal). Here's a little bit about the stars:

-Moore is an acclaimed R&B vocalist and songwriter who recently released her third album, *This Moment Is Mine*.

"I am thrilled to be headlining the first-ever *Seagram's Gin Gin Jam*, and I am looking forward to seeing all of the fans and to sharing the stage with Jesse Powell and Calvin Richardson," she said.

-Powell, who delivers street-smart, hip-hop soul, is climbing the charts with his second album, *Bout It*.

-Richardson, and R&B newcomer, released his debut single, "True Love" in March 1998. His first album, *Country Boy*, reflects his soulful view of the South, where he calls home.

A portion of the proceeds from the event which benefit Share Our Strength, a leading anti-hunger organization that mobilizes industries and individuals to contribute their talents to help fight hunger.

All ticket prices for the tour are less than \$25. Ticket information is available by visiting the Web site at www.ginjam.com or by calling 212-593-6475.

Laura Bush Reach Out And Read

By Laura Bush, First Lady of Texas

"A baby should have a book to chew on. A toddler should have a book to hold at bedtime. Books should be associated from the beginning with a parent's caress and adult love." -Perri Klass, MD

Taking a young child to the doctor is usually no fun for the parent or the child. I know, having had twins! But the Reach Out and Read (ROR) program makes visits to the doctor for well child check-ups much more pleasant. In the ROR program, children leave the doctor's office with a brand new book. Parents are reminded to do something very important - and fun - that will impact their children's future success in school. And doctors open the door to a wonderful world of books and learning.

The ROR program began ten years ago by a team of pediatricians and early childhood educators from Boston City Hospital (now Boston Medical Center). The hospital's chief of pediatrics, Dr. Barry Zuckerman, learned that families were taking the books he and his colleagues had brought from home for use in the waiting room. Some of the doctors and nurses were disappointed to see the families take books that belonged to hospital personnel. But Dr. Zuckerman recognized a need.

Dr. Zuckerman and his colleagues began giving books to children, age six months to five years, who came to the hospital's pediatric clinic for their well child exams. The clinic, which serves some of Boston's poorest families, became ROR's birthplace.

The program helps poor families build a home library of age-appropriate children's books and helps parents understand the importance of reading to their young children. ROR builds on the trusting relationship parents have with their children's doctors by communicating to parents the importance of reading to their young children. Doctors participating in the ROR program actually "prescribe" reading during well child visits. ROR volunteers read to children in clinic waiting rooms and show parents different ways to use books with their children.

Experts in early childhood development have discovered that reading aloud every day to a child beginning at six months of age is very important for that child's future success in school. Through long-term studies, experts are beginning to understand how children's brains develop and how they learn. Researchers have discovered that the first few years of life are critically important to an infant's learning potential for the rest of his or her life. Just 15 years ago, scientists thought the structure of the brain was primarily genetically determined. Now we know that's not the case.

The brain relies on experience to establish the higher-functioning connections. Experiences between adults and infants strengthen the child's neural connections. The size of a toddler's vocabulary is strongly correlated to the amount of time adults spend talking and reading to the child.

Not all parents know how important it is to read to their children, and not all children have the advantage of

owning and enjoying books. Too many children entering elementary school are not prepared for reading and learning. They lack important basic skills. We know that children who have poor beginning language and reading skills are less likely to become good readers throughout their school years. Thus, children who start school behind often stay behind.

That's why I have made supporting the expansion of the ROR program throughout Texas a component of my early childhood initiative. The initiative is designed to help children be prepared for reading and learning when they enter school. It contributes to Governor Bush's educational goal that every Texas child be able to read by the end of the third grade and continue reading on grade level or better throughout his or her school career.

I was very proud to help initiate ROR in Texas in April of 1997. Since then, the Reach Out and Read National Center had granted start-up funds to more than twenty Texas sites. ROR helps make books fun, children will forever associate reading with happy times spent with their parents. When children learn to love books, they learn to love learning. What a wonderful gift to give the young people of Texas.

Editors Note: The First Lady is promoting an early childhood development initiative to help parents and caregivers make wise choices for infants and young children so when they start school they are ready for learning and reading. This is the sixth in a series of columns that address early childhood issues.

Annual Prayer Breakfast Set Saturday

The public is invited to attend the Second Annual City Wide Ushers Prayer Breakfast on Saturday morning, September 25, 1999, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street, Rev. Wendell D. Davis is host pastor.

The theme is: "Relationship Between Ushers and Pastors." Donations of \$2.00 are accepted.

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Hometown News

Stamford, Conn. -- IMCOR, the leading provider of interim executives and project managers, today announced the appointment of Ronald T. Self as President, reporting to Robert Livonius, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Interim Services, Inc. At IMCOR, Self will be responsible for the company's growth by cross selling IMCOR services to interim customers and prospective clients.

Self, formerly with Norrell Corporation, served in several general management and sales and marketing roles over the past 9 years. Most recently, he served as Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing, directing

the national accounts team to record growth, and launching and enhancing new service offerings. As Senior Vice President and General Manager, Self successfully led the company's largest and most profitable business unit, the Metro Markets Division, to record achievement. Prior to joining NORrell he worked for the Coca-Cola Company U.S.A. as Director of National Accounts and Southeast Area Vice President.

Self served as a mentor in the Georgia 100 Program and is a member of the Georgia State Marketing Roundtable. He holds a Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston.



AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander and Kathleen DaSilva, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, urge Governor George W. Bush to swiftly sign landmark legislation that will expand the choices available to Texans with disabilities. The measure, proposed by Comptroller Rylander in her Texas Performance Review report *Challenging the Status Quo: Toward Smaller, Smarter Government*, will require health and human services agencies to give people with disabilities vouchers and allow them the freedom to choose, and pay for, the services they wish to receive. "I believe that to be truly independent, people with disabilities, like all Texans, should be able to make their own decisions," Comptroller Rylander said. "All Texans must have the freedom to decide how to live, where to live, the assistance they need, and who will provide it."

MTV Books Presents The Poetry Of Spoken Word Artist And The Star Of The Award Winning Film *Slam*

Poet-musician-actor and high priest of hip-hop poetry, Saul Williams has been burning down the house at events like the Portland, Oregon National Poetry Slam, the "Open Mic" sessions at the Brooklyn Moon Café, and the legendary Nuyorican Poet's Café since 1995 when he first exploded on the spoken-word poetry scene.

As the tormented and talented street poet in the subsequent film, *SLAM*, Williams' high-octane performance won him international recognition. The 1998 feature film took both the "Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize" and the "Cannes Camera D'Or." It also garnered Williams the I.F.P. Gotham Film Project's "Perry Ellis Award" for breakout performance as a young man in prison whose salvation lies in creativity. "The film is about learning that you're not a victim, regardless of how many times you are told you are," Williams says.

Williams' latest poetry volume entitled *SHE* (MTV Pocket Books Trade Paperback/June 8, 1999/\$12.00) further touches upon the theme of victimization - in relationships. "I was attempting to find rational explanations for my feelings for being ignored in my relationship or not nurtured....of course, about halfway through the book, I realized

that I was choosing to play the role of the victim and, thus discovered my power within." *SHE* is an intellectual and emotional entree into the poet's love affair with girlfriend Marcia Jones whose artwork is scattered throughout the book as a visual dialogue with the author's words. It not only explores William's own relationship but also provides a road map to the newly evolving framework of how young people love today.

The 27-year old artist who has been described as the "Khalil Gibran of the hip-hop generation," originates from Newburgh, New York. Born from the union of a preacher and a schoolteacher, he learned to love both spoken and written word from an early age. "I was always making up rhymes," he recalls. "But I never thought poetry would become my whole life."

Williams' work as a musician has paralleled his success as a poet and actor. He has performed with such hip-hop icons as The Fugees, Erkah Badu, KRS-1, De La Soul, DJ Krust, as well as legendary poets Allen Ginsberg and Sonia Sanchez. Danny DeVite's record company, Jersee Records/Warner Chappell recently signed Williams to a music publishing deal to record his debut album on America/Columbia Records with



legendary producer Rich Rubin (Beastie Boys, Red Hot Chili Peppers).

As a published writer, Williams has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Details*, *Esquire*, *Bomb Magazine* and *African Voices*. His first book of poetry, *The Seventh Octave* was published by Jessica Care Moore's Moore Black Press in 1997. As a spoken-word poet, Williams has been invited to perform his work around the world, mesmerizing audiences throughout the United States, Great Britain, Turkey, France, Brazil,

Scotland, Germany and the Czech Republic. He has also been a featured performer at major festivals such as the National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta and the Beat Poet Exhibit at the Whitney Museum in New York.

Saul Williams and *SHE* illustrator Marcia Jones began their personal and professional association in 1995 as artists on the Brooklyn performance art and spoken word circuit. Their daughter, Saturn, was born in 1996. Both artists make their home in Los Angeles, California.

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GRAND OPENING ACTIVITIES

Friday, October 1

- 2:00 p.m. Procession of The Mutators from Coliseum to east side of Arena
- 2:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting & Dedication
- 3:30 - 9:00 p.m. Arena Public Tours*
- 5:30 p.m. "The Great Wild Rapper Fiesta Feast" — Food & Entertainment
- \$15 adults/\$2 teen students & children
- Benefit Arena Beautification Program
- Tickets sold at all area United Supermarkets beginning Thursday, September 16
- 7:00 p.m. Best ASM Pop Party
- East side of Arena

Saturday, October 2

- 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Arena Public Tours*
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tailgate West Food & Entertainment
- 6:00 p.m. Texas Tech vs. Texas ASM, Jones Stadium
- Come line subject to change

Sunday, October 3

- 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Arena Public Tours*

* Free Arena Public Tours tickets available through all area United Supermarkets beginning Thursday, September 16

Artists Scheduled To Perform

Steve L. Lewis, Panhandle South Plains Fair manager, has announced free coliseum entertainment for the 28th annual event, set for Sept. 25 - Oct. 2. Corporate sponsors for free entertainment was also announce.

Schedule to perform on the coliseum stage Sunday, Sept. 26, are competitors in the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown and headliner Rhett Akins. Barcelona Court and KRBL 105.7 Real Country are sponsoring the show and will distribute free, general admission tickets for Akin's performance and the talent show, set to begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are required for admission to the show.

Fair Park Coliseum on the South Plains Fairgrounds is the place to be to see the up and coming talented youngsters Sunday night, Sept. 26. South Plains Fair has been selected as host for the West Texas/New Mexico State final of the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown. Competitors appearing in the Country Showdown are winners of local contests held earlier in the South Plains and Eastern New Mexico area. Contestants are competing for a \$1000 prize and the chance to advance to regional competitions. Later this year six winners in regional contests will receive an all expense paid trip to Nashville where they will compete in a televised national final for a grand prize of \$50,000.

Headliner Rhett Akins is a native Georgian and brings varied talents and tastes to the coliseum stage following the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown. Akins is best known for his fun loving, lighthearted country hit "That Ain't My Truck" and was named one of Country America's Top New Stars of 1995.

K-LLL FM/AM radio and United Supermarkets, in conjunction with the fair, are sponsoring Toby Keith in a show Monday night, Sept. 27 in the coliseum. General admission tickets for the 7 and 9 p.m. shows are available from sponsors and are required for admission to the free show.

Keith, known for his rollicking "A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action," is an Oklahoma native with 8 #1 singles and a platinum and two gold albums. His latest hit, "Getcha Some," is featured on his "Greatest Hits" album. His #1 single, "Should've Been A Cowboy," in 1993 started him on the road in fame, both as a singer and songwriter.

Comedian Johnny Counterfit, "The Singing Impressionist," and Rusty Hudson's Knights of the West will take center stage Thursday, Sept. 30. American State Bank and KRBL 105.7 Real Country are show sponsors and are handling distribution of general admission tickets which are required for show admission.



CHURCH DIRECTORY



IN JESUS NAME



"T'CHA-BOD-THE GLORY IS DEPARTED!!!"
ISAIAH 58:1, THE LORD SAID, CRY
ALoud, SPARE NOT, LIFT UP THY VOICE
LIKE A TRUMPET, AND SHEW MY PEOP-
LE THEIR TRANSGRESSION, AND THE
HOUSE OF JACOB THEIR SINS.

LORD, AS I LOOK INTO MANY CHURCHES, THE
GAMES THEY'RE PLAYING TODAY, THE DISGUSTING
THINGS THEY ARE DOING; THEY'RE NOT YOUR WAY.

EXODUS 34:13,14, THE LORD SAID, YE SHALL
DESTROY THEIR ALTARS, BREAK THEIR IMAGES, AND
CUT DOWN THEIR GROVES: FOR THOU SHALT WOR-
SHIP NO OTHER GOD: FOR THE LORD, WHOSE NAME IS
JEALOUS, IS A JEALOUS GOD.

IN MANY CHURCHES: THERE IS SO MUCH OF
THE WORLD; AND ITS THINGS, JESUS IS NOT BEING
LIFTED UP AT ALL: SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

REVELATION 2:4,7A, JESUS SAID, NEVERTHE-
LESS I HAVE SOMEWHAT AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE
THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE. HE THAT HATH AN
EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH UNTO THE
CHURCHES.

*****WILL THE CHURCHES ROB GOD???*****

LORD, INSTEAD OF PREACHING ON SIN; AND
WHY JESUS WAS KILLED, MANY CHURCHES ARE DEAD,
TRYING TO GIVE THEIR PEOPLE A THRILL.

MARK 7:6,7, JESUS SAID, WELL HATH ESAI-AS
PROPHESED OF YOU HYPOCRITES, AS IT IS WRITTEN,
THIS PEOPLE HONOURETH ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT
THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. HOWBEIT IN VAIN DO
THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING FOR DOCTRINES THE
COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.

*****WILL A PREACHER ROB GOD???*****

MANY CHURCHES ARE DOING A LIFTING; BUT ITS
NOT YOUR HOLY NAME, THEY ARE LIFTING THEIR LOVE;
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY; ITS SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!

ISAIAH 56:11, YEA, THEY ARE GREEDY DOGS (THE
PREACHERS) DOGS WHICH CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH,
AND THEY ARE SHEPHERDS (THE PREACHERS) THAT
CANNOT UNDERSTAND: THEY ALL LOOK TO THEIR OWN
WAY, EVERY ONE FOR HIS GAIN, FROM HIS QUARTER
(ANNIVERSARY).

LORD, THE PREACHER SAY: HE DON'T VISIT
HOSPITALS; BECAUSE OF GERMS, BUT IN THE PULPIT
HE SPEAKS: YS'J'YFPU'GHLSJ, SPEAKING IN
TONGUES!!!

I CORINTHIANS 13:1, THOUGH I SPEAK WITH THE
TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, AND HAVE NOT
CHARITY (LOVE), I AM BECOME AS SOUNDING BRASS,
OR A TINKLING CYMBAL (JUST A NOISE).

WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE CHURCHES; THAT
THEY RETURN TO YOU LORD, PAST TIME OUT FOR
PLAYING CHURCH; TIME TO GIVE YOUR HEART TO GOD.

JEREMIAH 3:14,15, TURN, O BACKSLIDING, CHIL-
DREN, SAITH THE LORD; FOR I AM MARRIED UNTO YOU:
AND I WILL TAKE YOU ONE OF A CITY, AND TWO OF A
FAMILY, AND I WILL BRING YOU TO ZION: AND I WILL
GIVE YOU PASTORS ACCORDING TO MINE HEART,
WHICH SHALL FEED YOU WITH KNOWLEDGE AND
UNDERSTANDING.

LORD, WE SEE YOU CALLING YOU CHURCH; IT
DOING YOUR WILL WELL, THEN THOSE NOT DOING
YOUR BUSINESS; THEY ARE GOING TO HELL!!!

MATTHEW 7:22,23, JESUS SAID, MANY WILL SAY
TO ME IN THAT DAY, LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT
PROPHESED IN THY NAME? AND IN THY NAME HAVE
CAST OUT DEVILS? AND IN THY NAME DONE MANY
WONDERFUL WORKS? AND THEN WILL I PROFESS
UNTO THEM, I NEVER KNEW YOU: DEPART FROM ME,
YE THAT WORK INIQUITY (SINS).

GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH US YET. SO LETS
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS. WRITTEN BY EVAN-
GELIST BILLY B.J. MORRISON, 111, YOUR BROTHER IN
CHRIST JESUS!!!

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The Scale of Spirituality

"Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are
many, are forgiven; for she loved much; but to
whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little"

Luke 7:47.

The first step to a dynamic relationship with God is recog-
nizing how sinful we are. An admission of guilt runs contrary to our
haughty human nature; but the admission is necessary before a rela-
tionship with God can be established.

The Scriptures teach that "all have sinned, and come short of
the glory of God: (Romans 3:23) and that "there is non righteous,
no, not one" (verse 10). No one is able to claim that he or she is
without sin. No person is capable of living a life of perfection.

Since each one of us is a sinner, we develop our own stan-
dard for measuring our spiritual welfare. What we usually do is
compare ourselves to people more spiritually derelict than we are. If
our gauge somehow begins to work against us, pointing out our defi-
ciencies, we find a way to adjust the scale. When the scale is adjust-
ed we can once more view ourselves as not being as bad as others are.

The Pharisees had established their own system of determin-
ing who was righteous and who was not. Understandably, they rated
themselves high on the scale of spirituality. Outward appearances
were considered to provide the best evidence. A high level indicator

of righteousness for the Pharisees were public prayers, fasting, and
almsgiving.

One such Pharisee, Simon, invited Jesus to his home for a
meal. In the back of his mind, perhaps burn the idea of how Jesus
rated on their scale. While Jesus was eating, a woman who was a
sinner came in. She "stood at his feet behind him weeping, and
began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs
of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the oint-
ment" (Luke 7:38).

Simon reacted according to the reasoning of a Pharisee. He
immediately judged the woman as a sinner, one lower on the scale of
righteousness than himself. He then judged Jesus for allowing this
sinful woman to touch Him. In Simon's opinion Jesus could not be
a real prophet of God; otherwise, He would not have allowed this
woman to touch Him.

Jesus however, knew the Pharisee's thoughts and he knew
the answer that Simon would give him if ask. Jesus pointed out that
in contrast to Simon, who had not even given him the common cour-
tesies of a washbasin, a kiss, and olive oil, this woman had gone to
great expense and had not ceased expressing her love. Her love was
great because she was aware of being greatly forgiven. Simon's love
was small because he did not believe he needed forgiveness; he felt
rather self-sufficient.

It would do us well to recognize that we are vile sinners
apart from Christ and that His holiness dictates that we humble our-
selves before Him in true repentance.

AS DERRICK STARKS RELEASES DEBUT ALBUM, "HE'S ON TIME" MUSICIAN RECALLS BITTER LESSONS HE'S LEARNED IN HIS YOUNG CAREER

"I haven't had any tragedies in
my life," Derrick Starks says
humbly. "But, musically, I didn't
have my business straight on my
end." Almost a decade ago,
Derrick submitted a song to a
record label. They used his song
and it became a big gospel hit. "I
never got paid," he says of the sad
experience. The late Grammy-
nominated choir conductor
Thomas "Maestro" Whitfield
helped Derrick deal with his anger
at being swindled out of the profits
of his first composition. "Tommy
gave me advice about it," he says.
"He told me to take it as a learning
experience. I was ready to go to
court. I had been reading a book
about publishing and that was no
help. I thought I had done every-
thing the right way. I filled out my
forms and a copy was accidentally
sent back to me. Where my name
was, someone else's name was
typed over it. Now, I have an
attorney check over everything."

Today, Derrick has forgiven the
culprits, but he was mostly hurt
because he thought of them as
friends. He has found some true
friends though. Those friends,

Brian Spears and Ben Whitfield,
run Detroit's Crystal Rose
Records and they've done all they
can to support Derrick, not exploit
him. He wrote or co-wrote nine of
the ten songs on his new album
"He's On Time" and he got writ-
ing credit for every one of them.
Although, Derrick was robbed of a
song, he's been blessed with favor.
When the time came to record his
new album, he received help from
two gospel heavy-hitters: Vanessa
Bell Armstrong and Rance Allen.
Derrick was Armstrong's musical
director for several years. "When
it was time for me to do my
album, she did it for me," he says.
"I met Rance at a COGIC conven-
tion and at some other events.
When I wrote that song 'Choose
Ye This Day' I had Rance in mind,
so I sent it to him and when he
heard it, he said he'd do it." Derrick's unique mix of traditional
and contemporary gospel is bridg-
ing the gap between young and
old gospel lovers.

Born in Detroit in 1970,
Derrick's life was full of faith and
music. His dad is a pastor. One
year his dad bought the family an



organ for Christmas, but Derrick
was the only one of his five sib-
lings who took an interest in it.
He was seven years old. He
played at church and eventually
began playing at functions around
the city. Locally, Derrick's name
was being bandied about as the
next big talent to rise out of
Detroit when he caught the atten-
tion of Thomas Whitfield who
became his primary influence. "I
was a Tommy fan. I'd go to his
concerts and follow him. I hung
around him so much that I wanted
to do things he had done and he
was with Crystal Rose, so I want-
ed to go there too. So, I eventually
submitted a tape to Brian Spears." Since then, Derrick's choir has
backed John Tesh, Vickie Winans,
the Whitfield Company and Walter
Hawkins.

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The African Orthodox Church Worldwide

To: All my brothers and sisters

In these United States, Canada, South Africa, Zambia, the Philippines,
and the West Indies in the African orthodox communion, let it known that
Canon McKinley Shepherd has been nominated and accepted by the
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AHN Will Broadcast Two Back To School Specials: House Party & Cooley High

New York, NY. (September '99) - The African Heritage Network (AHN) "Movie of the Month" series hosted by film legends, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, will broadcast the hilarious film *House Party 3* and *Cooley High*, a much requested favorite of viewers of all ages. Brought to you by Pepsi-Cola, *House Party 3* will air on KAMC on September 25 at 1:05 a.m. and *Cooley High*, a 70's teen classic will air on KAMC on September 25 at 1:05 a.m.

"Kid 'N Play return to the raucous hip-hop comedy series, but this time out there's a new generation in the house," said Ossie Davis. "In *House Party 3* Kid gets engaged and Play plans the bachelor party, so prepare yourself for the ultimate house party," he added.

House Party 3 follows the natural and logical progression of Kid (Christopher Reid) and Play (Christopher Martin) lives. Kid is getting married and Play must plan the bachelor party. Play has a problem and he is worried. He has smoothed his way out of a lot of tight jams and hip-hopped himself around many hazards in his young life, but this

time he is facing a threat far greater than any he has ever encountered. No matter how hard Play tries to convince his friend that it is a mistake to get married, Kid is having none of it.

If Kid is goin' out, Play is determined to make him go out kickin', and he plans the most outrageous, out of bounds, out of control bachelor party ever to hit the 'hood.

Of course, Play is not the only one feeling the pressure of Kid's impending wedding. The groom himself has quite a bit to deal with as well. In addition to the overall nervousness surrounding the event, Kid is not thrilled with his partner's latest business venture. They have promised to deliver a hot new female rap group, *Sexy As A Weapon* (TLC), to promoter Showboat (Michael Colyar), despite the fact that the group has yet to sign a contract with them, and are currently negotiating with other managers. If they do not deliver the girls to Showboat, Kid may just have to be wheeled down the aisle.

Also, Kid has some relatives in town for his wedding. His smooth Uncle Vester (Bernie



Photo on left - Standing in *House Party 3* (left to right) Kid (Christopher Reid), Kid's fiancée Veda (Angela Means), Striky (David Edwards) and Play (Christopher Martin)

Mac) has opinions about marriage that could make any man reconsider, and his mischievous cousins (Immature), who, when told they are too young to attend the bachelor party, decide to give a little bash of their own.

If all this were not enough, Kid's high school sweetheart Sydney (Tisha Campbell) is back in town, and that has got his fiancée Veda (Angela Means) a little worried. She can not help but wonder if there is still something going on between her fiancée and his ex, and before Veda says "I do", she wants to make sure Kid and

Sydney "don't"...

Joining Kid 'N Play in *House Party 3* are comedians from HBO's popular "Def Comedy Jam" including Bernie Mac, Michael Colyar, Joe Torry and Chris Tucker. Other cast members include: Tisha Campbell (Martin), Angela Means and musical groups, TLC and Immature.

A lighthearted coming-of-age drama, *Cooley High* follows the adventures of high school friends in 60's Southside Chicago.

"So many of the deadly troubles we hear about in the



Photo on right - Standing in *Cooley High*, Cochie (Lawrence Hilton Jacobs), the gifted high school basketball player jokes around by pointing his finger at happy-go-lucky Pooter (Corin Rogers).

nightly news begin in the not-so-innocent high school years," said Ossie Davis. "Director Michael Schultz (Car Wash) helps us understand by capturing the timeless nuances of being young and Black in America."

Cooley High focuses on the lives of inseparable neighborhood friends: Preach (Glynn Turman), the poet who dreams of becoming a Hollywood writer; Cochie (Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs), a gifted high school basketball player who dreams of the riches of a professional career; and happy-go-lucky Pooter (Corin Rogers),

who's content to ride on their coat-tails. Other regulars in the neighborhood include: school beauty Brenda (Cynthia Davis), neighborhood bullies Stone (Sherman Smith), Robert (Norman Gibson), Damon (Maurice Marshall), and Tyrone (Joseph Carter Wilson), the neighborhood lover.

Mixed with the joking, fighting and bonding among the three friends is the faint realization that their lives will never again be so closely tied together. Each day of playing hooky, partying, and drinking cheap wine foreshadows the end to a way of life.

The African Heritage Network's hosts Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, are one of the entertainment industry's most durable and accomplished couples. Their storied film, television and stage careers extend over 50 years.

AHN's "Movie of the Month" series is the first and only feature film package which focuses on movies showcasing African-American actors, producers and directors since movie making began. AHN airs in 92 markets across the country.

Are Your Thoughts About People Kind?

By Ruth Oron

I want people to know what I am learning from Aesthetic Realism - that art can teach us about kindness. There is no subject more emergent for kindness to be in homes - between a husband and wife, a mother and child - and between nations. I am tremendously grateful to Eli Siegel and Aesthetic Realism for teaching me what kindness is.

In an Aesthetic Realism consultation I told my consultants that I was worried about how I could feel close to people at one moment, and then aloof and severe. They asked me to read this definition of kindness by Eli Siegel: "Kindness is that in a self which wants other things to be rightly pleased." I learned that the way I could flatter a person was deeply unkind because it did not strengthen them, it was not accurate. The other side of the flattery, was the way I dismissed people and robbed them of meaning. My consultants said:

"Kindness is not just saying: 'Oh yes, I want to be nice to you and give you things.' Kindness begins with whether we really want to think about another human being or an object."

They asked me to look at Jan Vermeer's "Woman Standing at A Virginal," and asked: "Do you think in this painting Vermeer was kind? - was he kind to the window?" Yes, I felt it was kind but I was surprised - I never knew the way a person looked at objects, like a window, could be kind. They explained:

"Do you think Vermeer wanted to understand how that window met light? How it was related to that triangular shadow? Do you think he wanted to see who the window had to do with the woman at the virginal? Was he interested in the color of the light that came through the window in relation to the blue in that picture?"

As I looked I felt amazed. I was learning a new way of looking at art. And my consultants asked further:

"So, do you think kindness begins with wanting to see how one thing is related to other things. Kindness is giving some-

thing everything it deserves, all its relations, all its meaning, or the hope to. Not that we can ever do a complete job, but we can hope to."

This consultation, where my most intimate feelings were related to the lines and colors, lights and shadows, of this 17th century masterpiece, changed the way I saw the world. I realized that I had seen people only in relation to myself, and resented their relation to other things. This, I learned, was contempt - I was lessening the meaning people have by trying to own them. I am so grateful this way of seeing was criticized so I could change.

We can learn, from the



way an artist shows relation how to see a person's true relation to the whole world. In his historic 15 questions "Is Beauty the Making One of Opposites?" Eli Siegel asks about the opposites of universe and object:

"Does every work of art have a certain precision about something, a certain concentrated exactness, a quality of particular existence? - and does every work of art, nevertheless, present in some fashion the meaning of the whole universe, something suggestive of wide existence, something that has an unbounded significance beyond the particular?"

Whether Vermeer painted a woman in the kitchen, making lace, or even asleep at a

table, he showed "the meaning of the whole universe" in the domestic. Inside these Dutch interiors, in sunlight and shadow on small canvasses, there is an almost indescribable depth and width.

One of the reasons we feel this, is the way Vermeer paints light. The light that sparkles and gleams on the edge of frame, on the satin fabric, on the points of metal studding the chair, this light, coming from the window also makes us feel, as Eli Siegel so exactly described it, "something suggestive of wide existence." Herbert Van Sonnenburg writes in the Metropolitan Museum Bulletin:

"Perhaps the most extra-

ordinary of these surfaces and all these shapes tell me something about everything, and they tell me something about me." (p. 29)

Everything in this painting is both clear and mysterious. The enigmatic smile on the face of the woman, the play of light and shadow makes her seem both straightforward and unfathomable. I would get angry when I didn't know what a person was thinking, feeling right away that it was against me. I didn't see what Vermeer shows, that a person is mysterious and has a right to be, because everything in the world is both clear, and mysterious too: the light from the window which illuminates everything, has a source we cannot see; the landscape on the right goes off the canvas, so that part of it is unknown; and the chair, the nearest thing to us is in shadow as well as light, and turned slightly away from us.

I was not kind to the people I was close to because I didn't see what Vermeer quietly insists on here - that a person has the structure of the whole world in them - the opposites: hardness and softness, straight line and curve, surface and depth, light and shadow, the touchable and the untouchable.

Ellen Reiss, Class Chairman explains in The Right Of Aesthetic Realism to Be Known:

We need to hope to see another human being the way art sees an object: as fully real - which means standing for the whole world. There is no need more urgent. The other way - contempt, the lessening of people, the seeing of them in terms of whether they do what we want - is the way of seeing that has made for every cruelty in history...Aesthetic Realism is the great philosophy which shows that...the one way of seeing the world which is fully kind, safe, and sane is the aesthetic way. And do the people of the world need to learn how to see in a way that is kind, safe, and sane!

For more information, call the Aesthetic Realism Foundation at (212) 777-4490; on the Internet at www.AestheticRealism.org.

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